

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-76 (Cancelled).

Please add the following new claims.

77. (New) In an electronic system for transferring data from a local computer to a remote computer, a software program embodied on a computer readable medium for execution on the local computer, the software program having a notification object that is responsive to separate commands to perform services comprising:

awaiting information concerning creation or arrival of a parcel used to carry the data between the local and remote computers, wherein the parcel is particularized to contain a particular type of data;

selecting one of a plurality of parcel events of which the status is requested, wherein at least one said parcel event corresponds to an intermediate step performed before arrival of the parcel on the remote computer; and

updating a status on the parcel.

78. (New) The software program as recited in claim 77, wherein the particular

type of data is batch statement data.

79. (New) The software program as recited in claim 77, wherein the particular type of data is selected from the group consisting of consumer information data, payment data, batch statement data, and statement template data.

80. (New) The software program as recited in claim 77, wherein the intermediate step consists of at least one of sending of statement data to a service center, loading of statement data to a statement database, activation of the statement data by a biller, or disbursement of statement data to consumers.

81. (New) A method for managing transfer of data from a local computer to a remote computer, comprising the following steps:

receiving a request to transfer data at a parcel manager application program interface;

creating a parcel object to hold the data via a function of the parcel manager application program interface, wherein the created parcel object is particularized to hold a particular type of data;

creating a notification object via a second function of the parcel manager

application program interface; and

tracking, via the notification object, a status of the parcel as the parcel components are transferred to the remote computer, wherein the parcel components are tracked over an intermediate step performed before receipt of the parcel components by the remote computer.

82. (New) A method as recited in claim 81, further comprising the step of creating one or more parcel component objects to hold the data via a function of the parcel object.

83. (New) A method as recited in claim 81, further comprising the step of updating the status of the parcel.

84. (New) A method as recited in claim 81, wherein the request is received from an external application, and further comprising the step of sending the status of the parcel to the external application.

85. (New) The parcel manager as recited in claim 81, wherein the particular type of data is batch statement data.

86. (New) The parcel manager as recited in claim 81, wherein the particular type of data is selected from the group consisting of consumer information data, payment data, batch statement data, and statement template data.